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For: SPECIES-SPECIFIC, GENUS-SPECIFIC AND UNIVERSAL DNA
PROBES AND AMPLIFICATION PRIMERS TO RAPIDLY DETECT
AND IDENTIFY COMMON BACTERIAL AND FUNGAL PATHOGENS
AND ASSOCIATED ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE GENES FROM
CLINICAL SPECIMENS FOR DIAGNOSIS IN MICROBIOLOGY
LABORATORIES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING CONTINUATION APPLICATION

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" please insert:

- This is a continuation of a continued prosecution application filed March
30, 2001 for Application No. 09/297,539 filed May 3, 1999, which is a 371 of
PCT/CA97/00829 filed November 4, 1997, which claims priority from U.S. Patent
Application No. 08/743,637, filed November 4, 1996. -.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-45.